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With reference to the above-identified application, please add new claim 23 as follows:

23. The method of claim 1 further comprising the communication of advisory information from
said host reconciliation and accounting entity to said credit charge acceptance entity.

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REMARKS

Remaining in the application are claims 1 through 23. Attached hereto is an additional page
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